

No let-up for Soviet Jews

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

The third in the current series of anti-Jewish trials in the Soviet Union opened in Riga on Monday, when a woman and three men were charged with "anti-Soviet activities." The official Soviet news agency, Tass, said the four are accused of "fabricating and circulating slanderous material for subversive purposes and attempting to draw their colleagues into their activities hostile to the State."

The prosecution in the trial, which was due to end yesterday (Thursday), demanded sentences ranging from one to four years. These are lighter than expected.

The official head-on trial was held in Leningrad last week and sentenced to terms in "special régime" labour camps ranging from one to ten years.

The sentences were those demanded by the prosecution with the exception of that passed on Mikhail Kornblit, who was given seven years instead of eight, and Lassa Kaminsky (five years instead of six).

The "special régime" labour camp is the second most severe form of Soviet imprisonment. Inmates are allowed one visit from relatives a year, one parcel and one letter, and then only after their sentences. The four accused in Riga are: Ruth Alexandrovich, 23; Mikhail

defendants pleaded guilty, but Jewish sources insist that three have definitely denied the charges, asserting that they did not engage in any anti-Soviet activities.

The same sources concede the possibility that the fourth defendant, Boris Meftisier, may have broken down under security police interrogation.

In its report of Wednesday's proceedings Tass for the first time hinted that one of the defendants at least, Arkady Shpilberg, has remained defiant. He told the court he was being tried for "his desire to go to Tel Aviv."

In the effort by the Soviet propaganda machine to wrap the trials in a cloak of legality and to establish a "criminal" connection with the others tried, Tass has charged that the four by "their criminal activities created an atmosphere in which plans were conceived" for the alleged hijacking.

A group of Riga Jews who went to the city's synagogue on Monday, the first day of the trial, to pray for the four defendants, found it locked. They were told to go away by members of the security police stationed near the synagogue.

Shepshelovich, 27; Arkady Shpilberg, 32; and Boris Meftisier, 24. Ruth Alexandrovich, a nurse, is thought to be the youngest political prisoner in the Soviet Union. She had distributed a Russian-language publication "Domoy" ("Homewards") which carried articles about Israel. She had also applied for emigration to Israel.

She was arrested on October 7 last, a week before she was due to be married. She has spent eight months in solitary confinement, although she suffers from asthma, for tracing a Magen David in a lift in the KGB building where she was taken for interrogation.

Tass reported that the four Riga

The proceedings are being held in a remote suburb of Riga, Iksil Gravis, not in the Riga city court.

Young Jews who might persist have been arrested and sentenced "administratively" to short terms in prison while the trial lasts. Despite those precautions a group of Jews has been demonstrating peacefully in the city.

The trial of nine Jews which was due to begin in Kishinev last Wednesday has been postponed. Jewish sources think it will be held next week, after the Riga case is disposed of. Three other trials are said to be in preparation.

The Israeli UN representative, Mr Joseph Tekoa, called on the UN Secretary-General on Wednesday to protest against "the show trials of Jews" in the Soviet Union.

Dayan is realistic

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

The Israeli Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan, no longer believes that there is any chance of an interim settlement on the Suez Canal, according to reports of a statement he made on Tuesday night to a closed meeting of the Labour Alliance.

Mr Dayan was also quoted as saying that Sadat would "horizon Egypt's line and that the Russians could be expected to step up their assistance, military and otherwise, in the Egyptian case."

At the same time, the American would go out of their way to avoid a confrontation with the Russians in the Middle East. As a consequence of this the Israelis might find themselves in conflict with the United States.

The Defence Minister was said to have ruled out any solution by force, including Israeli force. Even if the Israelis captured Cairo, he is reported to have said, it would solve nothing.

Tame Panthers

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Stung by allegations that they are "anti-Semitic," the Black Panthers are now calling themselves "Black Panthers — Blue and White." (These are Israel's national colours.)

'Devil is Jews father'

From our Correspondent Johannesburg

"God is the father only of his children, the Christians; non-Christians like Jews, Hindus and heathens, therefore, have the devil as their father."

This, according to Dr N. Lee, a Dutch Reform Church minister, in an article in the latest issue of Die Kerkbode, a Church magazine, is the word of God as taught by his Church.

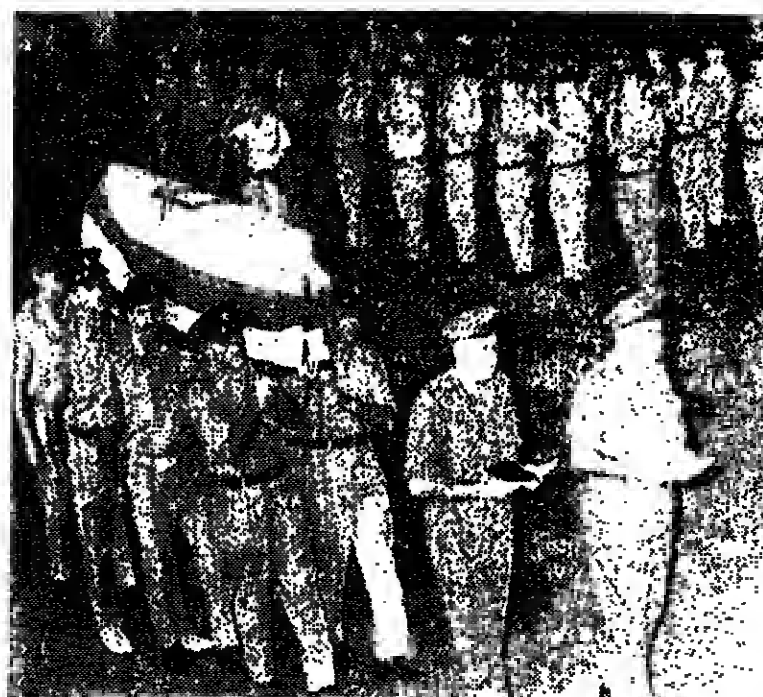
"Many liberals believe," he wrote, "that all men are brothers. But the word of God teaches that only those who believed in Jesus are brothers."

The article has upset many Dutch Reformed clergymen, especially those engaged in trying to convert the Jews.

Dr Chris Botha, minister in East Johannesburg, expressed the view of many of his colleagues when he said: "Dr Lee is a brilliant man but, to say the least, his thesis is offensive to Jews."

Another Johannesburg minister of a congregation established exclusively for immigrants and Jewish converts, said such assertions "make our work extremely difficult."

"It is terrible to cast Jews among the heathens. It is true that in a certain sense God is the Father only of the believers, but in a broader sense he is also the Creator and Father of all men."



Senior Israeli police officers carry Mr Elrom's body past a guard of honour on arrival in Israel from Turkey.

Military burial for murdered diplomat

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Mr Ephraim Elrom, Israel's Consul-General in Istanbul, who was killed by his kidnappers on Sunday, was buried with full military honours at the Israeli military cemetery at Kiryat Shaul on Monday morning. A funeral oration was delivered at the graveside by the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban.

Great crowds of foreign diplomats, former colleagues, friends and ordinary people who were horrified by his murder paid their last respects to Mr Elrom before the funeral when the body lay in state at the Tel Aviv office of the Foreign Ministry.

Major-General Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, recited prayers over the coffin as senior police officers, former colleagues of Mr Elrom, formed a guard of honour.

When the body of Mr Elrom, who had been shot through the head, his hands tied behind his back, was found in Istanbul early on Sunday morning, the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Nihat Erim, expressed sorrow "as a Turk and as Prime Minister of Turkey" and sent messages of condolence to Mrs Elrom and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mrs Golda Meir.

"Such a killing is contrary to the Turkish character and Turkish traditions," Mr Erim said. He voiced his determination to bring those responsible to book.

Mrs Meir, expressing her grief, added her Government's appreciation of the efforts made by the Turkish authorities to avert the murder.

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Three Iraqi Jews still in goal

From a Correspondent

The last of some 120 Jews reported early in April to have been arrested have now been released, including Dr Albert 50-year-old medical practitioner Abba brothers, Moshe and Shimon, who were jailed in the 1957 Six-Day War, have been freed.

Three Jews remain in custody. One is Mr Shimon Soffer, an old businessman in Iraq who was detained in 1957. Doubts have been expressed whether he is still alive.

The others are Mr Eliahu, 35, who has been in custody for two years and Mr Abba, who has been detained for a year.

All three are believed to be in the notorious Badkha known among Iraqis as "Nihaya," or the "Palm End," where opponents of the Baathist régime are also detained.

Crossman favoured

By our Diplomatic Correspondent

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Market will hit Israel's exports

From ELI MAISSI—Paris

Feetism is the prevailing mood in Israeli circles here about the economic consequences of the likely British entry into the European Economic Community (Common Market). Although Israel has a trade agreement with the EEC, she has important relations with Britain which could be seriously affected if the UK seeks an Israeli delegation to Brussels in what is a "mixed economy" to an Israeli memorandum dated six weeks ago.

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VIPs at Heathrow on Tuesday when Israel's first Jumbo jet came through London on its delivery flight from Seattle to Tel Aviv. (Left to right): Mr M. Cohen, El Al's vice-president for North America; Mr Shimon Pares, Israeli Minister of Transport; Mr M. Ben Ari, El Al president; Mr Moshe Carmel, chairman, El Al's board; Mr B. Dvolid, El Al's first vice-president; Mr M. Turel, company representative for UK; Mr H. Kaskner, station manager; Mr G. Matar, deputy UK representative (see report, page 21).

OM for Sir Isaiah

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The Queen has bestowed the Order of Merit on Professor Sir Isaiah Berlin.

This honour is the personal gift of the Queen and is awarded to outstanding men and women. The Order is limited to 24 members.

Sir Isaiah, who was born in Riga, is the president of Wolfson College, Oxford, and was formerly Chichele professor of social and political philosophy at Oxford University. Sir Isaiah will be 62 on Sunday.

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800 women on march

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With torches blazing, over 800 Jewish women in black marched silently through London's West End, across Piccadilly Circus and up Regent Street to the Soviet Embassy on Wednesday night.

They were protesting in the name of the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations, at the secret trials of Jews in Russia.

Led by Mrs Basil Jacobs, chairman of the association, the marchers included Mrs Jakobovits, wife of the Chief Rabbi, and Mrs Gaon, wife of the Haham, as well as the wives of Liberal and Reform ministers. They carried protest banners and pictures of Soviet Jews on trial and in prison camps.

The column, more than six-deep, stretched for more than half a mile and attracted a good deal of public attention.

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Israel's hard choice

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The Israeli Premier, Mrs Meir, said on Wednesday she viewed the treaty "with gravity and alarm."

"President Sadat cannot be expected to be more ready for any peace agreement following signature of the treaty."

The Soviet-Egyptian treaty, after stressing continuing efforts for "a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," undertakes that the parties "will immediately contact each other for the purpose of enjoining their positions." If a threat to peace arises, neither party will enter into military direct action against the other.

As part of containing "co-operation in the military field" the Soviet Union will train the Egyptian forces and enable them "to master the equipment and weapons" supplied by her.

The President insisted, however, that the signing of the treaty would not discourage American peace efforts.

Golda's mystery tour

From a Correspondent—Helsinki

All the denials have not dispelled suspicion, most of them based on the past history of Israeli dealings of high-level meetings with King Hussein.

At the meeting of the Socialist International in Helsinki last week, Mrs Meir had a difficult task to maintain that body's reasonable attitude towards the Middle East conflict. It took three days of discussion to hammer out an acceptable resolution.

During her Scandinavian tour Mrs Meir met the Prime Ministers of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

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ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Secret clauses in Cairo treaty

From Geoffrey D. Paul—Jerusalem

Having trained and equipped the Egyptians for defensive warfare, the Russians are now ready to put them on an offensive footing. This is Israel's reading of the clause in the Soviet-Egyptian treaty (signed last week), which commits Moscow to providing Cairo with "the capacity to eliminate the consequences" of Israel's occupation of Sinai. There are believed to be other, secret clauses spelling out the details.

The Russians and Egyptians are also pledged to "concert efforts in the event of a threat to peace," but Israel's evaluation is that the Russians will not engage in combat outside the Egyptian mainland, though they will be ready to throw to their own forces if the threat of war were to carry the Israelis across the Suez Canal.

There are far-reaching implications in the Soviet commitment to continue as Egypt's main arms supplier over the next 15 years. Whatever short- or long-term "arrangements" may be reached along the Canal or elsewhere, Israel will be obliged to keep a watchful eye on the quantity and quality of the Soviet supplies to Cairo.

The prospect is that even in a state of non-aggression—nobody is sanguine enough to believe that there will be an early state of peace—the Egyptians will continue building up their armed strength for the final confrontation the Arabs have been led to expect and that Israel will somehow have to parallel this build-up.

Politically, too, there is uncertainty about America's intentions. The Americans continue to see an interim Canal arrangement as within the bounds of probability and so do the Israelis—but not on Egypt's terms.

While there is a momentary lull in diplomatic activity, this is expected to be broken within the next few weeks, either by a Soviet- and Egyptian-inspired meeting of the Security Council intended to give the UN special Middle East

convoy, Mr. Gunnar Jarring, new instructions, or else by an Egyptian reaffirmation of her terms as final ones.

It is felt here that America is likely to endorse Egypt's position, both to enhance her position and because Mr. William Rogers, the Secretary of State, is personally committed to find a solution.

He made it clear to the Israelis during his visit last month that, as far as he was concerned, Israel was free to accept or reject Egypt's terms. However, the implication was that if she rejected them, she would face the consequences alone. Within the Israeli Cabinet there is a growing feeling that in July or August, Israel may find herself having to risk going it alone or else accept the inevitability of a bitter compromise along the Canal and later, perhaps, elsewhere.

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, commenting on the treaty in Stockholm, said it was motivated by "evident fear" by the Soviet Union of a decline in her influence in Egypt. In view of recent events there, the Russians wanted to know "whether what was still is."

Our Washington correspondent writes: The Soviet-Egyptian pact has embarrassed the State Department, coming as it did so soon after Mr. Rogers' Middle East tour. The Department now chooses to refer to the rules of quiet diplomacy again, yet any discussion of the matter makes it difficult not to raise the issue of American miscalculation and even bluntness.



Two presidents pleased with their day's work: Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Nikolai Podgorny of the Soviet Union who went home from Cairo last week with a treaty of "friendship and co-operation" with Egypt.

'Arab people ready for peace'

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

A senior Israeli official has invited King Hussein to enter into a peace agreement with Israel, secure in the knowledge that, apart from a small minority which has thrown in its lot with the terrorists, almost all the Palestinians want a peaceful solution and want it on the clear understanding that it must be a peace with a sovereign Israel.

In the course of a lecture on developments in the occupied territories, Mr. Moshe Sasson, an assistant director-general at the Foreign Ministry, noted that Arab leaders were afraid to recommence peace with Israel 15 years ago, lest they be set upon by the populace. The situation today had changed totally in this respect, but the difficulty was that certain Arab leaders had not yet caught up with the political maturity of their people.

Without mentioning King Hussein by name, Mr. Sasson said that any Arab leader with the courage to enter into a peace agreement with Israel could easily surmount the residual obstacle in peace—Arab objections, in principle, to negotiating peace.

In support of his belief that Amman could now approach a settlement with Israel without fearing a backlash in the West Bank Mr. Sasson said that the crisis of confidence between the inhabitants of the occupied territories and Israel was abating. There had long been a very large measure of adjustment to the existence of Israel as a State which could not be eliminated. "Only a handful still think that there is a military option for solving the conflict. Most neither believe in war nor want it."

The inhabitants of the occupied territories, Mr. Sasson conceded, saw themselves as part of the Arab nation and dismissed any solution which might mean "the creation of an Arab ghetto in a Jewish State."

Eban messages to African countries

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

"Soviet policy in the East... First conflict has not been... Soviet policy of expansion in the Indian Ocean and the... (Russia) is making a... there much more difficult."

Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, said this at a press conference in Nairobi on Friday, a few hours after his arrival in Kenya on the first of a tour of African countries. He is visiting Congo (Kinshasa), Cameroon, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Liberia and Ghana, meeting their heads of State.

Israel has established good relations with many African countries and helps with training of some of their military and police forces. In the summit conferences of the Organisation of African States, Mr. Eban said in Nairobi, were not helping the Middle East conflict by adopting resolutions.

This, he said, was "not a conflict and no one... the African leaders. They should give its support to a... peace, not the use of force."

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Although there is no formal peace treaty, 40 per cent of Israelis believe that the national ceasefire along the Suez Canal will continue for another year at least.

But 27 per cent said that they expected hostilities on the Canal front to resume this year, while another 19 per cent said that hostilities "might" break out this year. The remaining 15 per cent expressed no opinion.

Messages from Greek leader to radio

From our Correspondent—Athens

General Stylianos Pattakos, Greece's Deputy Prime Minister, said in a recent interview that there was no reason for any particular reaction by Israel to his goodwill visits to Cairo and the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

"Mr. Yehuda Gulton, the Israeli Representative in Athens," he declared, "could not but regard Greece's effort for peace as constructive."

On the Israeli-Arab dispute, General Pattakos said that Greece was interested in the restoration of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Higher courses for foreigners

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Twenty-seven post-graduate students from 14 countries in Africa, Latin America, Europe, and from Israel have registered for a one-year course in comprehensive regional development planning at the Settlement Study Centre in Rehovot.

The centre is one of the few institutions in the world offering a study programme of this nature and, as such, has United Nations recognition.

Fellowships for the students have been granted by UN agencies, the Swedish International Development Agency and the Israeli Foreign Ministry's international co-operation division.

J.C. Appointments

Mr. Joseph Finkelstein has been appointed Foreign Editor in a decision to Mr. Michael Wilentz. Now assumes the post of Assistant Editor with responsibility for home affairs.

Mr. Malvin Weisberg has been appointed News Editor, replacing Mr. Joseph Finkelstein.

Agudists attack over 'conversion farce'

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Agudist members accused the Israeli Government and the Jewish Agency in the Knesset last week of making a farce of conversion procedures.

Robbis of Agudat Israel and Poale Aguda claimed that there was an almost indiscriminate registration of non-Jewish immigrants as Jews and that the "quick" Vienna conversion procedure not only offended Jewish law but caused suffering to the persons concerned because they did not properly understand it.

The Interior Minister, Dr. Yosef Burg, who is a member of the National Religious Party, denied the allegations.

In Tel Aviv, a man who came from Riga ten years ago has applied to the district court for registration as a Russian Christian. He claimed that his mother was a Tatar and that he had not been circumcised or otherwise converted.

In addition to the two successful residential Hebrew courses already held at religious kibbutzim for the non-Jewish spouses of newcomers, a permanent subscription centre was being established where they would be prepared for conversion, Dr. Warhaftig stated.

So far this year, he added, but did not have 500 requests for conversion to Judaism. A further 83 were pending.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS REPORT

SPANISH LANGUAGE courses recognised by the National University are now included in the syllabus of the Hebrew-Yiddish Teachers' Training College in Mexico City, qualifying teachers to give instruction in the upper classes of the community's preparatory and secondary schools.

SIAARE ZEDEK hospital has opened the first geriatrics department in the Jerusalem area. It contains 26 beds.

THE ARCHBISHOPS of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo are appealing in Brazil to go on pilgrimage to Israel after talks with Mr. Moshe Kol, the Israeli Minister of Tourism, during his visit to Brazil. Archbishop Dom Euzebio Sales of Rio said that his brother lived on a kibbutz some years ago.

THE CONNECTION between the Leo Baeck College in London and the Continental constituents of the World Union for Progressive Judaism was discussed at a meeting of the union's European board. Several of the college's graduates already serve non-Orthodox communities in Europe.

TALKS ON GERMAN compensation for Yugoslav victims of Nazism have opened in Bonn, between West German and Yugoslav officials.

A SOCIO-MEDICAL centre has been opened in Bucharest to provide medical and social assistance for aged and handicapped Jews. The American Joint Distribution Committee is providing funds for the new institution, which is run by the Federation of Rumanian Jewish communities.

LAMERHAV, Ashdod Avoda's daily newspaper, printed its last issue on Monday after more than sixteen years' publication. It had been merged with Davar, the daily organ of the Histadrut (the Israeli Federation of Labour). Most of the journalists have also switched to Davar.

Israel scores hit at air show

From our Correspondent—Paris

There is widespread interest in the two aircraft entirely produced in Israel on display at the Paris airshow which opened at Le Bourget last week.

The crowd has warmly applauded the several daily flights over the airfield of the Arava and Jet Commadore. Both aircraft, made by Israeli Aircraft Industries (IAI), flew to Paris from Lydda.

Passing the Israeli stand at the inauguration, President Pompidou said in reply to the welcome of Mr. Asher Ben-Natan, the Israeli Ambassador: "How nice, you are producing your own aircraft now."

The Arava, which was conceived in Israel, is particularly remarkable for its short landing and take-off requirements of between 180 and 160 yards even without a landing strip.

She can be changed into a cargo-carrying aircraft with a capacity of two tons in less than half-an-hour.

Pictures of Israel's Gabriel sea-to-sea missiles, considered by many to be the equal or superior to any other missile of the same type, are also displayed.

Mr. Ben-Natan entertained many personalities of the French and foreign aircraft industries at a reception at his home, and IAI sources report very great interest in both aircraft.

Chief conductor

From our Correspondent—Frankfurt

Mr. Eliahu Inbøl, the 35-year-old Israeli conductor, has been appointed chief conductor of the Hesse radio symphony orchestra here, from September 1, 1974.

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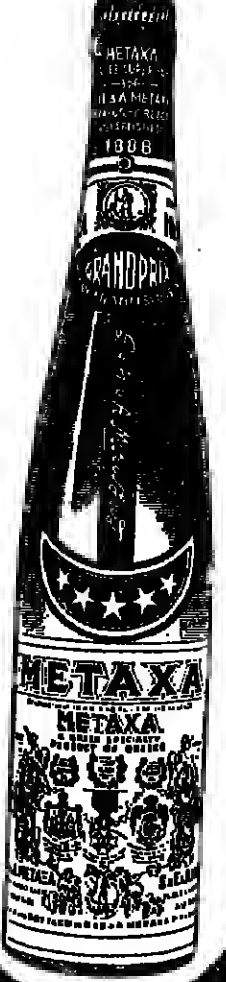
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OVERSEAS NEWS

Soviet liberals plead for Jewish rights

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

The three founders of the Human Rights Committee in the Soviet Union have written to the presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet (Parliament) with a plea for the pardon of Soviet Jews sentenced in Riga and in the two trials in Leningrad. This letter also asks that no proceedings should be taken against the Jews awaiting trial in Kishinev and elsewhere in Russia.

The main part of the letter containing the appeal was signed by Professor Valery Chalidze, Professor Andrei Sakharov, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and Professor Andrei Tyvorkhine, who signed a postscript endorsing the contents of the letter. The letter was sent to the Supreme Soviet on May 20.

A copy of it was brought to London by a Riga Jew en route to Israel from Moscow, Mr Yuri Kogan. In the letter, the three signatories stated that the reason for the trials in Leningrad and Riga were the persistent efforts to obtain

exit permits for Israel by the Jews concerned. Since such activities were not regarded as anti-Soviet in other instances, the Jews already sentenced should be pardoned, pending proceedings dropped and Jews at present under detention released, the letter urged, adding that they should all be allowed to leave for Israel.

Professor Chalidze wrote: "... Official propaganda is spreading unkind and baseless reports about the ideas of repatriation (to Israel) and Zionism.

Restitution Law extended

From our Correspondent Karlsruhe

Political victims of Nazi persecution who left their homes in the so-called "areas of expulsion" in Eastern Europe now belonging to Communist States after October 1, 1963, are entitled to compensation under West Germany's Indemnification Law.

This ruling by the West German Constitutional Court here annuls a clause of the Indemnification Law enacted in 1965, stipulating that only political victims of Nazism who left those areas before that date were entitled to compensation.

The court declared that a time limit for such claimants was incompatible with constitutional principles and that the rights of victims of Nazism had priority over financial problems.

Under the Indemnification Law amendment passed by the Bonn Parliament in May, 1965 a "hardship fund" of about £111 million was established to meet the claims of such "time limit" victims, substantially reducing the restitution payments they could receive.

Poet reaches Israel on stretcher

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

Boris Gaponov, an outstanding Hebrew poet, was among a group of Soviet Jewish immigrants who arrived in Israel last Friday. The 36-year-old poet, who has meningitis, was carried off the aircraft on a stretcher and taken straight to hospital.

On Monday an Israeli neurologist cabled Soviet doctors in Leningrad for his medical history. Another writer to arrive with the group was Zalman Dymov.

The newcomers said that the Soviet authorities were using various pretexts to delay the departure of Jews granted exit permits for Israel. In Lithuania, where many Jews had applied for exit permits, the authorities had told prospective emigrants that there was no room on any aircraft.

The Soviet authorities did not allow Mr Gaponov to take his manuscript with him, the poet's mother told journalists at Lydda airport. They included Hebrew translations of more than 100 poems by Mikhail Lermontov, who

was one of Russia's greatest poets. Boris Gaponov, the son of a non-Jewish Russian father (killed in the Second World War), and a Jewish mother, was born in the Crimea. His mother took him to Georgia during the war, where he was taught Hebrew by his maternal grandfather, a Chabad Chasid.

Achieving a surprising mastery of Hebrew, he created one of the great masterpieces of modern Hebrew poetry, a translation of the twelfth-century Georgian classic "The Knight in Panther's Skin," by Shota Rustaveli. For this he was awarded the Tchernichovsky Prize, Israel's main prize for Hebrew translation.

Despite his remarkable achievement, Gaponov was never accepted into the Soviet literary establishment and was not made a member of the Soviet Writers' Union. His translation was praised by Georgian-language newspapers and the Moscow Yiddish monthly, Sovetskoye Yiddish, but ignored by the rest of the Soviet press.



Juliana says 'Thank you' in Hebrew

From our Correspondent Amsterdam

A telegram of appreciation written in Hebrew has been sent to Israel by Queen Juliana of Holland to mark the inauguration of the forest planted in the Nazareth hills in memory of her mother, the late Queen Wilhelmina.

Queen Wilhelmina, who led the Dutch Government-in-exile in London during the Second World War, was a friend of Israel.

Queen Juliana's telegram, sent to Mr Yaakov Tsuri, the chairman of the Jewish National Fund, expressed her gratitude "for the honour sacred to my mother's memory. It is my ardent hope," she said, "that these young fir trees will grow in peace, the way my mother would have wished."

Queen Juliana, Princess Hendrix, her heir, and Prince Claus, her son-in-law, brought trees for the forest, and the inauguration in Israel was attended by Mr J. van den Heuvel, the Queen's secretary.

Women's first meeting in Europe

From a Correspondent

"Facing ourselves as Jew," the theme of the first European conference of the International Council of Jewish Women, was held here last week.

Delegates came from Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland, with observers from Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

The president of the national council, Mrs Sarah Harrell, spoke on the relevance of Judaism to modern life.

Following an appeal by the hand on behalf of Mrs Harrell, who is in a Soviet awaiting trial, the conference passed a resolution to the Ambassador to Switzerland pressing "sleep distress" sentences imposed on Soviet Jews in the current trials and that all Jews who wished to leave the Soviet Union should be allowed to do so.

The British delegation conference was led by Mrs Drayman, chairman of the joint committee of the League of Jewish Women.

Encyclopedia launched

From our Correspondent

"Sefer Haachduth," the volume of what is projected as the first Jewish Encyclopedia, has been published in Hebrew by Chabad Publications, the publisher of the Lubavitcher magazine, "The Jewish Observer." The encyclopedia, the first of its kind, will deal with all aspects of Chabad-Lubavitch philosophy.

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HOME NEWS

Protests at Marx's Highgate tomb

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Protesters protesting against the presence of Marx's tomb in Highgate Cemetery, London, confronted a party of Russian tourists visiting the tomb on Tuesday.

The demonstrators displayed placards demanding an end to the trials and arrest of Jews in the Soviet Union. Overloudly, they told the Russians that Karl Marx was also Jewish.

"We're living in the Soviet Union now, he would be regarded as a second class citizen like the other Jews," the demonstrators declared in English and Russian.

Demanding that Soviet Jews should be allowed to leave the Soviet Union and settle in Israel if they wished to do so, the demonstrators pointed out that Marx was allowed to be buried where he wished.

The demonstrators, university students and Jewish housewives who have espoused the cause of Jewish women imprisoned in Russia, also distributed leaflets among the tourists.

Most of the Russians tried to ignore the demonstrators by marching steadily into the cemetery, but a student later claimed that a Russian had grabbed his hand and tried to scratch him when he offered him a leaflet.

The Russians were members of a party of more than 700 tourists who arrived in the cruise ship Shiba Matsushita for a three day visit on Monday.

A further demonstration was held outside the cemetery by the women on Wednesday. They carried banners in Russian as well as English.

Members of the women's group will demonstrate at the Book Fair in Trafalgar Square, London, on Monday afternoon.



Demonstrators with banners greet Russian tourists at Highgate Cemetery

New acting head of Carmel

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Following the resignation of Mr Joshua Gabay, Carmel College now has its first non-Jew at the head of its teaching staff. He is Mr H. Lewis Evans, who has taken over for the rest of the present academic year.

Mr Evans, aged 52, has been head of the college's mathematics department for 17 years and a senior master for three years.

Rabbi Jeremy Rosen, whose controversial appointment as headmaster had been opposed by a number of students and parents, will take up the post in September.

Mr Gabay, who had been acting headmaster since the retirement of Mr David Stambler last September, resigned shortly after the appointment of Rabbi Rosen.

Mr Gabay has also refused the governors' offer to become assistant headmaster to Rabbi Rosen.

A parents' association is expected to be set up when many parents attend the college's speech day on June 16.

Changes at Embassy

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Yet another of Israel's Ambassadors to black Africa is joining the staff of her Embassy in London.

He is Mr Matiyahu Dagan, who for the past few years has been Ambassador to Zambia as well as non-resident envoy to Botswana and Swaziland, the former two British protectorates on the borders of South Africa.

The present Minister at the embassy, Mr Eytan Ruppin, was likewise an Ambassador—to Senegal and Malagasy (formerly Madagascar) before his arrival here.

Another member of the embassy who is soon to return to Israel is Mr Yehuda Taggar, counselor for Arab affairs. An Iraqi by origin, he was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for the organization of illegal emigration to Israel before he himself was able to leave his native land.

Mr Taggar is being replaced by another expert on the Middle East, 30-year-old Mr Oded Eran, a graduate in oriental studies and political science at the Hebrew University.

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Israelis do not expect peace, says Crossman

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

"The Israelis are acting on the assumption that there will be no immediate war with the Arabs, save by some terrible error on their part, and no final peace settlement for at least some 20 years," said Mr. Richard Crossman, MP, last week.

Addressing a meeting of the Labour Friends of Israel at the House of Commons, Mr. Crossman said that his predominant impression during a recent visit was that a simultaneous process of consolidation was taking place both within Israel and in the newly acquired territories, which were gradually becoming integrated.

Mr. Crossman, who is the editor of the New Statesman, said that his main impression of Israel after an absence of seven years was the enormous consolidation and social advance which had taken place quite irrespective of the Six-Day War. He had been astonished by the progress that had been made in the social services, in housing, road construction as well as in the integration of Oriental immigrants.

Speaking of the occupied territories, Mr. Crossman stated that if the Arabs had offered Israel peace immediately after the defeat in June, 1967, the Eshkol Government would have kept only those parts which were necessary for security reasons. In fact, the late Prime Minister had said as much in a letter to the former American President, Mr. Johnson.

"However, faced with a total refusal by the Arabs to make peace or even to negotiate, the Israelis began to consolidate the occupied territories and to integrate them into the Israeli economy. That means that the longer a peace settlement is delayed, the more difficult it will be to give back those parts which have become integrated."

When he had asked both Mrs. Golda Meir and Mr. Yigal Allon what they would do if Moscow should offer them 500,000 Russian Jews in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, each replied that they would have to accept. In view of Arab opposition, however, such a deal was most unlikely, Mr. Crossman added.

Why Beth Din blocked merger

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A clue to the reason why the London Beth Din has vetoed any thought of a merger between the Kashrus Commission and the London Board for Shechita, came to light last week.

It would appear that at a recent meeting to discuss the matter at the Beth Din, Dayan A. Rapoport said that in a merged organisation the Beth Din must have paramount authority and would require to be the sole ecclesiastical authority.

At present the Beth Din is the sole authority for the Kashrus Commission, but not for the Board. In a merger, agreement to give the London Beth Din supreme powers would have to be reached with the Federation of Synagogues and the Sephardi congregation, who would be part of the merger and who have their own kosher authorities.

Dayan Rapoport said that, regretfully, that status could not be obtained within a merged organisation.

Mr. Frank Levine, vice-president of the Kashrus Commission, who with Mr. J. Cinna, president, and Mr. Acher Fishman, past president of the Shechita Board, were at the meeting, is understood to have expressed his disappointment at the Beth Din's negative attitude.

The view was expressed in discussion that the Beth Din were impervious to the possible danger to kashrut and to the Kashrus Commission if no positive action were taken to effect the merger.



Pupils of the Matilda Marks-Kennedy School in northwest celebrate Shavuot

Youth centre to be built

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Work is to start soon on the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisation's third youth centre in Ramle, to cater for the city's 6,500 youth population, including 800 Arabs.

The Ramle city council has agreed to contribute half of the cost of the £120,000 project, with the remainder being raised by the Federation. The centre will be named after the late Mr. Jack Green.

A progress report on the centre was given at the Federation's annual dinner and ball, held at the Savoy Hotel. Speakers included Chief Rabbi, Sir Israel Brodie; Lord Jaeger and Mr. Joseph Leftwich, director of the FJRO.

Alderman Sir Samuel

Sir Samuel Fisher has been elected chairman of the new community relations committee.

Electronics in Israel

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Rabbis and Church under fire

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

criticism of both the rabbinical and the ecclesiastical authorities by the Rev. Dr. James the eminent Christian theologian.

Dr. James was discussing the tradition not meeting contemporary challenges, with the Jewish community, he said.

He said that since the rabbinical tradition began to be perceived as outdated, the rabbis had to find a way to make change.

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Priest chides Vatican newspaper

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A tribute to the Israel Government for its tolerance regarding the holy places in Jerusalem was paid by a Catholic priest, Father Roderick More O'Ferrall, when he spoke at a meeting of the newly formed Anglo-Israel Friendship League of Haringey.

Father More O'Ferrall, who is parish priest of St. Mary's Church, East Finchley, London, has visited Israel three times on study missions. He stressed that there was much ignorance about the position of the holy places, Jerusalem and the West Bank, in the past, when there was Arab control, he had not been allowed to visit the Temple Mount. Today, the Holy Places were excellently maintained, he said, and access was freely given to them.

There was misunderstanding, he felt, about the whole situation of the West Bank. People did not seem to know that Transjordan annexed the area and that the only Government which had accepted it was Pakistan.

Father More O'Ferrall told his audience that he criticised the present situation in the semi-autonomous Palestinian territories, which he demanded internationalisation of Jerusalem. He pointed out that the Pope's representative in the Holy Land, the Apostolic Delegate, had officially stated on March 25 that internationalisation was not an Islamic policy, but he did stress the pluralist and universal character of Jerusalem.

Other speakers at this meeting discussing the status of the Holy Land were Rabbi David Goldstein and a Muslim mullah, Al-Hajj Taha.

10,000 school places needed

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

An all-out drive to expand Jewish education within the next month was praised by Chief Rabbi Dr. I. Jakobovits as "a major turning point in the annals of our community."

Dr. Jakobovits, who was speaking at the silver jubilee meeting of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education, described the board's change of emphasis from part-time to full-time Jewish classes as "a massive scheme of development and expansion which will constitute a major influence extending over the next 15 years."

There were today, he said, only 12,000 children in Jewish day schools and hundreds were being turned away for lack of accommodation.

The Board must double its efforts to find 10,000 new places in primary and secondary schools up and down the country, and to increase the output of qualified teachers and other leading educational personnel.

Mr. Asher Fishman, chairman, opened for funds to enable the Board to put its expansion programme into action. Jewish day schools, he said, were faced with a deficit of £251,000. "Unless the Board cut and other methods of financing its work within the next few months, we shall be faced with a catastrophe in 1972," he warned.

College in the red

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Jews' College has an overdraft of £40,000 and its deficit at the end of September, 1970, was £10,000, plus another £1,000 for its work in training teachers.

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Is British entry good for Israel?

On the very same day last week that Mr. Richard Crossman, MP, drew attention to the harm which British entry into the Common Market would cause to Israeli exports to Britain, an even more sombre warning came from Israel's Finance Minister, Mr. Pinhas Sapir.

Unless special arrangements were made, Israeli trade would lose most of the advantages it had obtained in the British market, he told a seminar in Jerusalem. Until now Britain had been a "traditional and liberal market for Israeli products," but the position would change if Britain joined the European Economic Community—the EEC—which has refused to grant Israel associate membership. All the discriminatory features of EEC policy would also apply to Britain (as well as to the other three countries, Denmark, Norway and the Irish Republic, which would follow her into an enlarged Common Market).

Mr. Crossman, in a colourful phrase spoke of "lousy Italian oranges" replacing Jaffas on British shelves. But there is much more at stake.

Britain has been Israel's second most important trade partner, both as supplier and purchaser. Only the United States does more trade with the Jewish State. In 1969 British exports to Israel amounted to £111 million (which is more than the value of British goods sold to the Soviet Union or to all of Israel's immediate Arab neighbours put together). Last year they were somewhat lower at £99 million. Israeli exports to Britain were £30 million in 1969 and £45 million in 1970. They may well rise to £50 million this year.

Instead of associate membership Israel has had to be satisfied with a so-called preferential agreement. Its essence is that lower tariffs are imposed on a certain specified range of Israeli commodities traditionally sold to the markets of the Six.

The agreement is reciprocal, and Israel has had to lower her tariffs for the same amount of goods she imports from the Six.

In the case of oranges, for instance, this arrangement means that, whereas the Common Market tariff on oranges imported from other countries is 20 per cent of

the price, on Jaffas it is only 12 per cent. However, there is no duty at all on oranges from Italy and only four per cent on oranges from the former French colonies in North Africa, which enjoy associate membership.

Once Britain joins the EEC, the tariff within the British market—which is at present between four and five per cent on agricultural products from countries like Israel—would gradually go up to over 12 per cent and the area of discrimination against Israeli agricultural exports would thus be extended.

Another feature of Common Market agricultural policy which would adversely affect Israel if Britain and other countries following her lead join the EEC is what is known as the "reference price".

This is a protectionist device, whereby exporting countries outside the Common Market must pay an additional levy if the prices of their agricultural produce fall below a certain fixed level inside the Six.

In the past, Israeli citrus exporters were able to avoid paying



Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban signing the preferential trade agreement with the EEC last year.

the penalties of the "reference price" by shifting their oranges and grapefruit to other markets—especially Britain and Scandinavia—whenever there was a likelihood that they would have to pay the special levy.

But here again, once Britain, Norway, Denmark and Ireland be-

come members of the Common Market, the area of manoeuvrability for Israeli exporters will become very restricted. Fortunately, not the whole volume of Israeli exports would feel the full blast of the enlargement of the Common Market. Some important commodities—such as

diamonds, which are exempt from the payment of foreign exchange controls, are not subject to tariff limitations.

Nevertheless, the two areas in charge of Israeli trade and commercial interests in the country—Mr. Yehoshua Yadin, Minister of Economic Affairs, and the Commercial Counsellor in London, Mr. Shraga, the Commercial Counsellor in London—are convinced that 40 and 50 per cent of Israeli trade with Britain would be affected by the latter's entry into the EEC.

Although on official has yet been made to the Government, informal talks have been taking place between Eban's officials and those of the British Government departments—Trade and Agriculture and Foreign.

But in the scale of things, the Common Market is a land and the suggested countries in the Caribbean, only come first and second in concern for Israel.

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Sir Isaiah

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In Sir Isaiah Berlin's case one is tempted to say that the title of the Order has been taken literally. It has not been conferred for achievement in the field of scholarship—since Sir Isaiah's collected works would take up but little shelf-room; it has not been conferred for services to the academic community—since although Wolfson College, Oxford, would hardly have come into existence but for Sir Isaiah's willingness to preside over its birth, other new academic institutions have not been recognised in this fashion; nor is it for services to the Jewish community, though here Sir Isaiah has played an important if unobtrusive role, notably during the lifetime and activity in this country of his close friend, Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

It is not even for services to the British Government, though his contribution to wartime Anglo-American diplomacy has long been recognised as outstanding.

What has been recognised is the personal merit of a remarkable personality who has stood for and stand for something unique and precious in the life of his adopted country.

It is easier to say this than to define the attitudes to life and learning that Sir Isaiah has come to symbolise, or describe for those who have not had the privilege of being taught by him or enjoyed the pleasures of his friendship—and friendship has been an important instrument of Sir Isaiah's influence. In what manner he has come to symbolise them to so many people in Britain, in Israel and in the United States.

With the Royal Opera House, Polyzingual and at home in many different societies, Sir Isaiah is far from typical of the average British university teacher. On the other hand, his brand of liberalism, which has provided the theme for his important writings, owes much to this country.

In an age when various philosophies, Marxist and other, about the meaning of freedom have led the young to accept diverse brands of totalitarianism, Sir Isaiah has consistently proclaimed the importance of the individual, and of the individual's freedom of choice. In an age of elating dogma, he has remained undogmatic; in an age of fashionable aberrations and fashionable idols, he has set for the young a different standard of respect for the facts of human society and the creativeness of the human mind.

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CHAIM RAPHAEL

THE GAZELLE. By Lloyd Davidson. Cape £1.60
ABDUCTION. By Stanley Cohen. Constable £1.00
DOWAGER. By Chaim Benaim. Eyre and Spottiswoode £1.50.

"The Gazelle" is, at the obvious level, an adventure story set in modern Israel like "The Innocent Eye" by Stanley Cohen. "The Gazelle" is, at the same time, a story of the Jewish people, and of the Jewish people's struggle for survival in a hostile world.

Although on official has yet been made to the Government, informal talks have been taking place between Eban's officials and those of the British Government departments—Trade and Agriculture and Foreign.

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book reviews



Moore Marriott offers kiddush cup to John Stuart as Fey Compton looks on in the 1926 silent film, "The History of the British Film: 1918-1929" by Rachel Low (Allen & Unwin, £7.35).

Siege of Massada

R. N. CARVALHO

THE ANTAGONISTS. By Frank K. Gane. Hodder & Stoughton. £2.00.

This American novel gives us a gripping account of the siege of Massada, one of the great epic stories in the history of the Jewish nation. It is well written, over-dramatic, perhaps, for British tastes, but the story is an heroic one and cannot be told too often.

The author transports us to that hot desert in the summer of the year 73, when the last, isolated Jewish stronghold was finally captured by the Romans. The action switches to and fro between the Roman camp and the Jewish rock, and the reader's interest and sympathy are retained all the time.

One must, however, not be under any illusion. This book is not a historical novel, but, as the jacket describes it, a novel about Massada. There is a good reason for this. The most reliable source is Josephus, who was not at the siege and who devotes a great deal of the text to a rhetorical speech by Eleazar Ben-Yair.

Mr. Gane gets from him the framework of the siege itself and the mass suicide of the defenders. He gets the names of Eleazar and of Flavius Silva, the Roman procurator. Josephus also gives us an unnamed character, the old woman who hid herself and one other woman and five children, and escaped death. Mr. Gane calls her Aligai and builds her up into a principal character.

All the others, Jews and Romans alike, are creatures of his imagination, and he emphasises this, as it were, by the names he gives them. Surely no Jew was ever called Zhora or Heth, Javan or Kilim, Tarishah, Ashur or Joktan (though all names in the Bible are Jewish, especially those in Genesis 10). His Roman names are equally incongruous and bear every impression of having been taken at random, and with complete disregard for the rules, from a classical dictionary.

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always going to be inconsistent, slightly crazy, and ultimately as full of unsolved problems as any other kind of life, there is no reason to break one's heart—except that life would be miserable if it were ever heart-breaking.

Through a beautiful device—in which a warm-hearted non-Jewish girl, sheltered by the dowager, sets out to become a fully-enlightened Jewess—we are led into examining what we really believe in. Mostly, it seems, that we should not press theology too hard.

The rabbinical courtiers are treated with irony but affection. The dowager herself is a joy, and the whole fantasy is evoked by the liveliest, funniest dialogue as if Sholem Aleichem had been re-written by E. G. Wodehouse.

In addition to these satirists, Achia and Licia (names of prominence) are in the novel, as is "Bernice" as the name of Titus's Herodian mistress. Nor was any Roman general, except the Emperor, addressed by his subordinates as "Sir," whatever that word purport to translate.

Either Mr. Gane should employ some qualified person to check his background, or he should devote his undivided talents to writing contemporary fiction.

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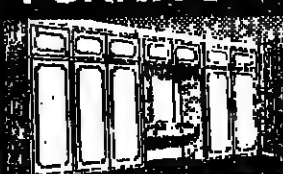
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Soviet expansionism

THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN treaty represents a major departure from traditional Soviet policies, for it is the first long-term treaty of this kind signed by the Soviet Union with a non-Communist State. In practical terms the treaty alters little in the existing Soviet-Egyptian relationship. The Soviet leadership wanted to consolidate the status quo in relations with post-Nasser Egypt, yet at the same time to signalise an event which would otherwise be regarded as a non-event. Soviet presidents do not normally journey to foreign shores. When they do, their missions must be celebrated as successes. This is one reason why there had to be a treaty before Mr Podgorny left Cairo.

This does not mean that the significance of the treaty, which commits the Soviet Union to giving Egypt the military, economic and political backing which she requires, should be underrated. Admittedly, the treaty does not increase the possibility of renewed war in the Middle East. The Egyptian forces are today better armed, and probably better trained, than they were in 1967, but the army knows that another war would be costly and futile for Egypt, even if not as disastrous as in 1967.

Equally, the treaty certainly does not bring real peace nearer. Arrogance is all too often the product of added confi-

dence. This has obviously been the case with Egypt in the past. With the proclaimed Soviet intention of supporting Egypt, along with the massive Soviet military presence there, President Sadat is less likely than before to consider serious negotiations with Israel's representatives. It looks probable that the Russians and Egyptians will lay even heavier emphasis than before on interim "arrangements" involving concessions by Israel—for instance, a partial Israeli withdrawal from the Suez Canal.

The true significance lies much deeper than these negative considerations. The Soviet Union, by sending President Podgorny to Cairo at short notice, has demonstrated its vital interest in the area. The treaty underlines this interest and indicates that it is long-term. The Soviet Union intends to maintain a powerful presence in Egypt and to use it as a basis for consolidating and strengthening her influence. The reasons are obvious but still have to be spelled out over and over again in a Western world which has become increasingly obtuse about problems which are not on its doorstep. First, Egypt occupies a geographical position of immense military-strategic importance. This position is enhanced by a functioning Suez Canal, but it is important even when the Canal is closed. Then, Egypt is the most impor-

tant Arab country in the Middle East, and the Soviet Union wants a friendly "Third World" in the Middle East, which does not have to be a Communist one. Thirdly, Soviet interest in Middle East oil is bound to grow and Egypt offers a base for spreading Soviet influence in the oil-rich States.

Finally, the Soviet Union has already invested vast sums in the Middle East, especially in Egypt. These investments are represented primarily by profits and technical aid, but also in terms of arms and the personnel to use them and of base facilities which are the hub of the wider Soviet military networks being created in the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. For all these reasons, the Soviet Union intends to stay in the Middle East. The Soviet-Egyptian treaty is an indicator of its solid determination to do so. It is high time that the Western world recognised hard facts and began to concert policies in its own vital interests.

Unfair burdens

Ever since Britain first applied to join the European Economic Community a decade ago, Israel was alerted to the difficulties this could create for her exports to Britain. This country became the natural market for Mandated Palestine in much the same way as it did for New Zealand and the Caribbean sugar producers; they were then part of a single political and monetary unit. Industries which grew up under these circumstances have naturally continued to rely heavily on the British market, while making every effort to find new outlets. Were Britain to enter the EEC under its present arrangements, about half of all Israel's exports to this country would face stiff competition in a more highly competitive market. There is no reason why the British public should accept this and there are moral, political and economic grounds for this view. Britain

owes Israel a fair deal; the British deserves continuing access to the products at prices not inflated by excessive duties; moreover, and far more from Britain than from Israel. There seems to be no reason why British exports should not argue forcefully in moderation the immensity of the attitude of the Six towards Israel's exports. After all Britain is an export not a supplicant.

The alternative would be the economy not of its own making but not insupportable, as Israel's record shows. This will nevertheless an unfair additional burden in as in economics. Britain would be advised to wake up who her are and stick by them. It will be the long run.

Challenge

Dr James Parkes' outspokenness of what he described as the hierarchy which had failed to challenge of contemporary life have come as a shock to many listeners, especially since the University, itself an impregnable fortress of Orthodoxy. Ironically, the hand of the past weighs most on the diaspora. In Israel there is a more pragmatic approach of therapeutic rigidity has stood in the way of progress towards a modern ordered society. Rabbi Shalom's speech conversion of a woman to Judaism last year is a case in point. Seligman applied for conversion. Britain she might still be supposed to have somewhere between the of the Beth Din and the Chief Rabbis in Israel, where the Jewish encompasses the totality of the experience, necessarily will include a realistic and revolutionary approach to the halacha. And that should be. Unless diaspora Jews living in Israel Judaism as a guide to the twentieth century it will not be as a viable faith in the twenty-first.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clause 43 and after

Sir.—Whatever your motives may have been in the manner you have presented to the Jewish public the controversy at the Board of Deputies on May 23 over Clause 43, no unprejudiced member of the board who was present at that meeting will be misled by the unbalanced and distorted account you have published.

It is not my purpose to enter into a discussion on the merits of the case, but I wish to deny that I made either of the statements attributed to me in your report.

In regard to the first statement, I read out the terms of the formula to amend Clause 43 that had been agreed between the representatives of both sides in March 1971 (not last July), and which Mr Herold Langdon (one of the Progressives' representatives) sought unsuccessfully to reproduce. It was this agreed formula that was subsequently rejected by the Progressives, although it was reluctantly approved by the Orthodox.

As to the second statement, there is no foundation for it at all. It is purely a figment of your reporter's imagination. What I did say was that if Mr Langdon's motion were carried, far from maintaining the unity of the Board, it would be a program for chaos and upheaval.

(Dr) BERNARD ROMA
93 Prince's Park Avenue, NW11.

"We tender our apologies to Dr Roma for an unfortunate typographical error. It arose because a page of the reporter's copy was mislaid in transit to the composing room and its absence not noted. This missing page included the end of Dr Roma's remarks and the beginning of Mr Langdon's statement (they were both on the same side in the debate). In our text, therefore, the quotation from Dr Roma's speech is correct for the first four lines but from the fifth line onwards the report is that of Mr Langdon's speech.—Ed., J.C."

Who is to blame?

Sir.—Is it not now about time that your publication disclosed its description from "The organ of British Jewry" to "The spokesman of Progressive Jewry"? We should

simple, the writer of your leading article of the May 28 issue entitled "Illogical and damaging" really stands.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines special pleading as a statement of case designed to favour the speaker's point of view rather than to discover the truth.

The leader in question is surely one of the most blatant pieces of special pleading that has appeared in a responsible journal for a long time.

According to the article, if the Progressive Jews secede from the Board of Deputies the blame lies with—the Chief Rabbi (naturally), the Orthodox congregation, the United Synagogue, the officers of the board itself—everybody in fact except the Progressive Jews themselves.

And yet what they demand they clearly, by their own actions, cannot receive. Once having declared their abandonment of traditional and authoritarian Orthodox beliefs they cannot now return to the upholders of such beliefs and demand from them equal rights to be consulted on what could very well be just those religious issues where they have declared their difference and thus obtain from the Orthodox establishment the seal of their approval to their dissolving views.

As your leader itself says, the Chief Rabbi is ready to co-operate with the Progressives in all communal matters other than religious. For him to do otherwise would indeed be illogical and damaging; and the Chief Rabbi may be assured that in his stand he has behind him the mass of, perhaps silent, but nevertheless responsible Orthodox Jews in this country.

H. KAUFMAN,
2 Dorset Square, NW1.

Lurie family—I am researching to my family history. I possess a number of documents and records of interest, and seek further information. I particularly wish to trace the branch of the Lurie family which arrived in England about 1853, from the area of Bratslav. The family name may be Lurie, Lurie, Lurie, or Lurie. I should

Funds needed for chaplains

Sir.—With great regret I must draw the community's notice to the very disappointing response that the University Jewish Chaplaincy Board has received from provincial and certain London communities to an appeal for funds to help pay for the appointment of chaplains to Jewish students at our various universities.

In January, 1971, the Chief Rabbi, Dr Jakobovits, as chairman of the board, addressed an urgent message to the honorary officers of synagogues throughout the country to underline the great importance of a scheme in which congregations were being asked to contribute £25 per 100 members per annum to the board for the maintenance of chaplaincy services.

Assuming that the postal strike delayed replies, in March I again wrote to the honorary officers of the 80 synagogues concerned. Responses to date: nine synagogues have replied with contributions as follows—Southend £100; Southport £50; Blackpool £50; Sunderland £50; Hamamraah £25; St. Anne's £25; Edinburgh £25; Whitefield (Manchester) £15; Portsmouth £5; and Sala (Manchester) £3.15; a total of £230.

Six synagogues have replied to say they cannot contribute anything; six are still considering the matter; while 69 synagogues have not even had the courtesy to acknowledge either letter.

It is apparent that a terrible apathy exists today among leading London and provincial lay leaders, and in many cases, an unfortunate lack of direct access to the Chief Rabbi, who is grasping at every possible opportunity and expanding every ounce of energy to inspire Jewish students.

BERNARD GARBACZ,
University Jewish Chaplaincy Board.

Middle East guarantees

Sir.—To encourage continuation of the Kufat HaLeumi debate on guarantees (our issues of May 14 and 20) may I elaborate? All four Powers now accept that the function of guarantees is not only to seal a settlement but also to help to bridge Israel's withdrawal/security gap and so assist the best guarantee of all—a negotiated peace agreement. They thus intend guarantees being taken into account in negotiating "secure and recognised boundaries."

Israel, however (understandably with her past experiences, and the lack of clarity in the form of guarantees so far offered), considers they only have the former function and should not be so taken into account.

Blame for this impasse lies with the international community which for three years since Resolution 242 have failed to clarify either function or form. This is mainly due to inherent reluctance of governments to incur defence commitments or involve Defence Ministries, without whose expertise Israel's withdrawal/security gap was not fully appreciated, and guarantees offered will not seem militarily sound to her generals.

To persuade Israel to change her view on function, clearly form will now have to comprise the maximum guarantees procurable. These might be (1) SUPER POWERS—not to be in the front line of UN peace-keeping, but confined to guarantees (as Mr Legum suggests), to each side separately, only only as a last resort. This is maximum credibility, and to minimise risk of them clashing, their need for presence in the area, and any American Congress reluctance to ratify.

(2) SMALL POWERS for UN peace-keeping in demilitarised zones, this time under Security Council control with their removal subject to veto; (3) MEDIUM POWERS guaranteeing both sides with sufficient "teeth" to support (2) and enable (1) to be that "last resort." They might guarantee no "gain" and if necessary loss of all

over, or sea invasion and demilitarised zones.

Control of (1) and (3) outside the UN, though not with it and in accordance with its purposes and principles. Article 51. Israel could in its own defence in (1) and (3) collectively as is favoured by the UN. Likewise the UN have already demanded "guarantees."

ANTHONY W. BLOOM
Totter House, West Clarendon

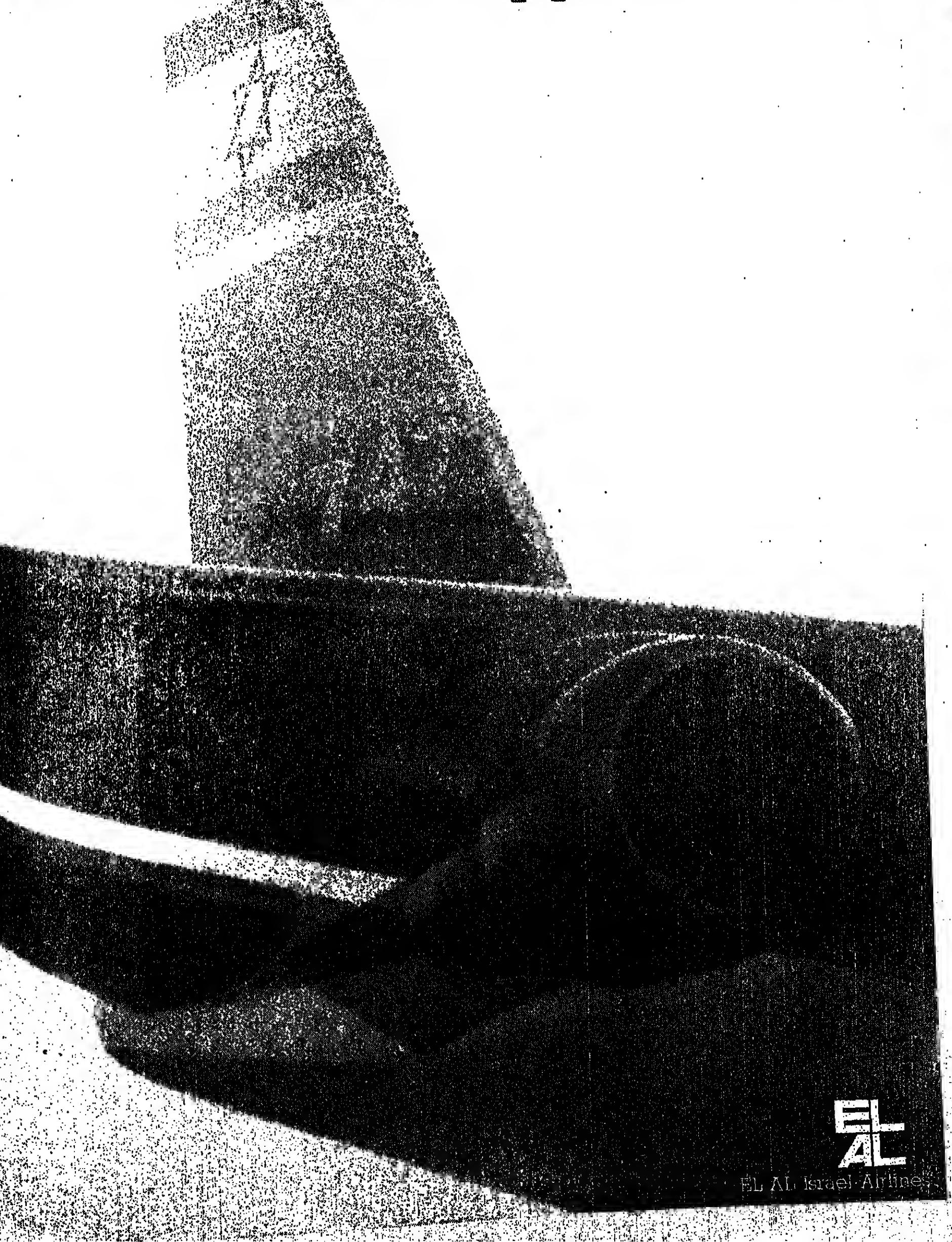
Recruitment of chazanim

Sir.—The anticipated report of your May 28 issue, of the findings of the first national conference of Ministers-Chaplains of Great Britain, inevitably much detail which may be of interest to the community, including the valuable address, "The status of the chazanim in the community," by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Woolf.

In the course of the chazanim to involve more in the general community, wherever they are, this gives point to the serious consideration of the recruitment of chazanim for the future. The Committee in the report now sealed, from Israel's point of view, through occasionally in the positions, but Israel's point of view, evidence of being a chazan, so that if the musical services in our synagogues are to be maintained we are to rely entirely on young men and boys here to fill the gap.

If the community is to recruit from among these men—and I see no other way—then it needs to rethink its approach to matters, besides the ever important: "What is the role of the chazan in the community?" For example, the sense of fuller responsibility of general communal life and not of their own synagogue.

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And who else could be responsible for the 14 baby cots our Jumbo has to carry?

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And then no mother can complain of being neglected.

Our chef, Mr. Orsolini, prepared such a feast for our Jumbo, that we decided to put on our 707's and 720B's, as well.

He starts off with thick slices of smoked salmon, or chopped liver.

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In fact, perhaps it's better your mother shouldn't see First Class, it's such a heaven, she may never want to come back to earth.

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For Rumania's nearly 100,000 Jews, the recent past holds many tragic memories. Thirty years have passed since the Iron Guard pogrom in Bucharest and the Jassy massacre.

This month it will also be 27 years since the Jews of north Transylvania were deported to concentration camps.

In the twentieth century, a third of the Jewish population of Rumania were martyred. While older people recall with horror the nightmare of those days and nights, the younger generation, who have grown up in completely different social and political conditions, wonder how it could all have been possible.

The answer lies in one word, a word of sinister resonance: fascism. In the years between the two world wars, fascists in Rumania wore green shirts and called themselves the Iron Guard, the Legionaries. In the 1930s and '40s the Legionaries were the Nazis' fifth column. They were used by their Berlin masters to weaken the resistance of the Rumanian people and antisemitism was one of the means they employed.

The first act of Rumanian Jewry's tragedy was played out in Bucharest in the icy winter days of January 21-23, 1941. With the aim of taking over the state, the Legionaries, with German support and backing from the German embassy, organized a rebellion against General Antonescu, with whom they had mixed feelings.

Within a few hours, Bucharest was ravaged by looting, destruction and crime. The brutality of the Legionaries culminated in a series of acts of violence against the Jews of Varnat, Jassi, and other Jewish centers. Even today, after 30 years, those who remember still shudder with horror as they recall how Jews were beaten, tortured and shot, with the cries of the victims echoing

in the Legionary headquarters.

Those who survived the first wave of terror were crowded into lorries, transported to forests near Bucharest, and shot. Among them were the two sons of Rabbi Guttman, who died in the arms of their father. The rabbi himself was grievously wounded. Some of the wounded who succeeded in crawling away, were dragged back and killed as well.

But the massacre in the forest took mild in comparison with the fate of another group of Jews, taken to an abattoir and slaughtered there. An eye-witness of this atrocity described the scene afterwards in these words: "The bodies of those killed in the slaughter house had been hung on hooks like cattle by the slaughtermen... (some) were found with their stomachs deeply slashed by the vile killers, masters in the art of torture, who, by using kitchen knives tore the intestines from the bodies of the victims and hung them round their necks like ties."

At the same time, gangs of Legionaries plundered, set on fire and destroyed synagogues, such as the Spanish Synagogue in Negru Voda street; the Podul Mogosania Synagogue; the Fraternal Synagogue; the Great Synagogue; the Moshe Street Synagogue and many others.

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crowded with worshippers at prayer. They dragged the reader, Ozias Kopstlick, from the bimah and he died as a martyr as did a choir-boy, Andrei Klein, and four other Jews. More than 120 Jews, among them old people and children under fifteen, died for the sanctification of the Holy Name in the days of the pogrom of 1941.

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Mr VICTOR RUSSU, editor of the Rumanian Jewish fortnightly, Revista Cultural Mozaic, recalls the tragic fate of the more than a quarter of a million Jews who were destroyed by the Nazis and their fascist allies of the Iron Guard during the Second World War

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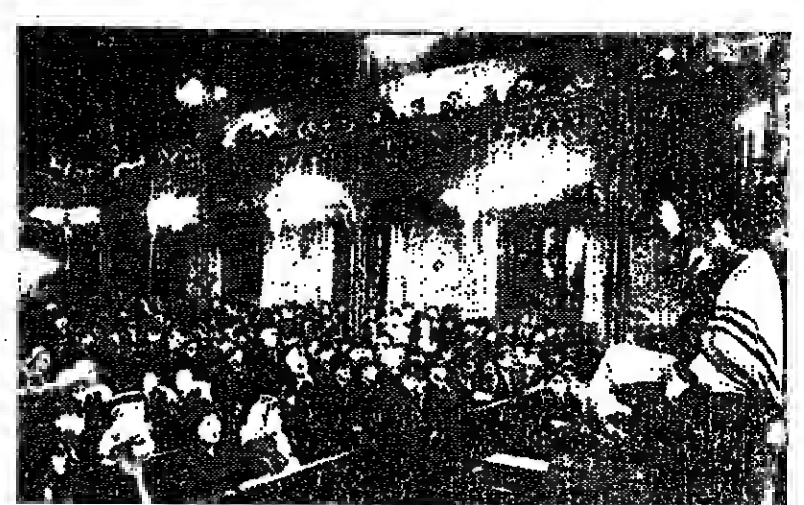
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The Jews of Rumania, deeply aware of this tragedy, have learnt a bitter lesson from history. The teachings of the past forces vigilance upon them and obliges them never to forget the deadly danger which fascism represents, whatever form it takes.

The evocation of a past which the young generation can hardly imagine, leads the Rumanian Jews to feel even more committed to the present regime of Rumania, which put an end to all discrimination and punished those guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity. This regime has ensured for the first time full de facto and de jure political, economic, social, and cultural equality and liberty to all citizens, including Jews.

The Chief Rabbi of Rumania, Dr Moses Rosen, made a most significant statement in a recent radio interview. He said: "All of



Rumania's Chief Rabbi Rosen addresses congregants in the Bucharest Synagogue filled to overflowing for a Chanukah service

us, including the Jews, are living in a most complex, perhaps decisive, period for the history of mankind. The explanation of the survival of Judaism for thousands of years is that the Jews have always known how to adapt themselves to historical conditions.

"Before the Second World War, Rumania was dominated by people with religious pretensions. Yet, while these so-called religious people were in power, synagogues were burnt down, Jews killed and pogroms organized. In reality, they fostered all this, although in words they pretended to be very religious."

"Why, therefore, should I not co-operate as a citizen of this country which now has a regime openly declaring itself non-religious, but offering us all every possibility of living as Jews. Their regime does not touch our institutions; it respects our dignity and allows us to continue our religious life."

"It was not those who verbally declared themselves religious who fulfilled the will of God. It was our non-religious government who saved our lives, re-

stored our dignity, and now supports our activities. In exchange they expect us only to be loyal citizens of the country, and to co-operate with other citizens in its upbuilding."

Finally, looking back on the three decades that have elapsed since these tragic events of the war years, Rumanian Jews cannot refrain from recalling with bitterness that those who succeeded in avoiding responsibility for their crimes and found shelter on both sides of the Atlantic are no less guilty than those who were brought to book.

Morla Sima, the chief Legionary commander, along with other Legionaries, enjoys liberty in Spain. Viorel Trifa, one of the organizers of the January 1941 Iron Guard rebellion, lives in the USA, where he holds the rank of bishop.

We remember. We recollect all this. We commemorate. And not only out of a spontaneous tendency to evoke the past, not only out of piety towards our parents, brothers and sisters who died as martyrs, but also to draw all the necessary conclusions from this bitter lesson of the past.

PERSONAL OPINION

The British-Soviet Friendship Society has issued a four-page pamphlet on Soviet Jewry, and I doubt if I have seen so many statements of fact in so short a space. No, they are not straight lies; apologists for Soviet policy have always resorted to the more subtle sort.

There is no anti-Jewish discrimination in Russia, the pamphlet insists, and adds by way of proof: "A number of Jews are members of the Government, the Soviet Union, the Soviet Parliament, the Federal Republics and the local authorities."

There is, in fact, but one Jew in the Government—Boris Yezhov, though it could, I suppose, be argued that one is also a number.

The 8,000 is more impressive, but as about 99.90 per cent of them are merely members of the local authorities, and as there are nearly two million such members, the figure becomes somewhat less impressive.

It is told, "is a criminal of this is a fact, but the law is, and always has been, a dead letter, and I challenge the British-Soviet Friendship Society to show even one case where a Soviet citizen has been charged with discrimination."

There is, we are told, "a theoretical college" attached to the Central Synagogue in Moscow used to be a small yeshiva which has never produced one rabbi, and even it appears to be

There is a considerable amount of literature—books and pamphlets—published in Yiddish. There is one magazine now

four or five Yiddish books appear in a year, hardly "a considerable amount," especially if one recalls that some 500,000 Soviet Jews give Yiddish as their first language.

Duly "a few hundred" Jewish families "may want to emigrate," but if the number is so small why stop them? The pamphlet has an answer to that too: "No country allows unrestricted out-gration of its population to a country involved in war."

What, none? America allows it, Britain allows it, France, Germany, Holland—everyone in fact, except the Soviet Union, and other, so-called "People's Republics."

Most people agree with the Chief Rabbi that services are far too long, but no one is disposed to do anything about it.

Ministers may hint that chazanim allow themselves too many fancy twirls (and they do), chazanim that sermons are too frequent and too long (and they are), and everyone believes that the way the weekly alda is stuck up for mitzvot is a sin. This last is the real source of the trouble.

There are synagogues where the alda is stuck up into so many fine givers that the warden could qualify for a job with Cohen's (Smoked Salmon) any day in the week. But, of course, they only act as agents for their congregants, and all the congregation wants a slice.

Now most people are perfectly prepared to forgo a mitzva, so prepared are they in fact, that they will forgo going to shool altogether—but only where they

Where they have to recall the memory of a dead parent, however, they will not only insist on a mitzva, but want they consider to be the right mitzva on the right occasion.

It's no good fobbing them off with hagbaha or gellia, or Heaven forbid! petlecha or an aliyah on weekdays, with the assurance that they are all legit under with the Accountant-on-tilt. It must be an aliyah, preferably sheliach, and it must be on Shabbat. There are instances where people converted to Christianity because they were offered less.

We are, it would seem, kept within Judaism less by living faith than by the dead faithful.

Phineas May, who retired as secretary of the Hampstead Synagogue last week, was the doyen of his calling and, though not an old man—indeed, given his years, remarkably young one—he has always evoked to my mind the older, more English United Synagogue, as exemplified by Hampstead itself, stately, dignified, decorous.

He brought many qualities to his work: wide experience, considerable erudition, great love for Hampstead and its traditions, and, most unexpectedly in so sober a gentleman, theatrical flair. He organized the widely-praised United Synagogue centenary exhibition at Christie's last year. When I saw it I found it difficult to believe that it was put together by a busy synagogue official working in his spare time—in so far as synagogue officials can be said to have spare time. A fine man. A great public servant.

BEN AZAI

ASK THE RABBI

On Shavnot, during the reading of the Law and Hinfara respectively, some congregations recited Akdamut and Yatsiv Pilgan. Whence derives this custom and what do the prayers signify?

Scholars suggest the following reason for the recitation of these two hymns (not "prayers"). They are both in Aramaic and in praise of Israel and the Torah. Now there is evidence that in some communities in the Middle Ages it was still the custom, as in Talmudic times, to recite after each verse the Targum, the old Aramaic paraphrase of the Bible. This was originally introduced so that those who were unfamiliar with Hebrew would know the meaning of the Scriptural verses that were being read.

These Targumic readings were introduced by a hymn or liturgical poem in the same language. Eventually the Targumic readings were dropped, probably because people understood less Aramaic than they did Hebrew, but the poems were retained. This falls, however, to explain why only these two poems were retained. Perhaps the reason is because of the special significance of Shavnot as the festival of the Giving of the Law.

Akdamut was composed by Rabbi Meir ben Isaac Nahorai (whose name is preserved in the acrostic at the end of the

poem), a chazan of Mainz and Worms who lived in the second half of the eleventh century. (Chazan in this context does not simply mean the cantor but a composer of prayers, hymns and liturgical poems).

The acrostic for Yatsiv Pilgan is Jacob ben Meir Levi and the hymn is consequently attributed to the famous grandson of Rashai, Rabbi Jacob ben Meir of Troyes, known as Rabbenu Tam. It appears, however, that another Jacob ben Meir flourished as a liturgical poet at that time and he may have been the author.

In both poems the reader asks for permission to carry out his task which supports the view that they were originally introductions to the Targum of the Torah reading and the Haftara. If, as seems likely, the person who carried out this task made his own Aramaic translation, the poems mean that he was saying in so many words, please give me permission to engage in this difficult task and I can only hope that I will not give an incorrect rendering.

At some functions it seems to be the custom to stand for the introduction to the Grace after Meals. Why is this?

The custom is by no means universal but where followed it is a demonstration of reverence for the name of God mentioned in the introduction.

Readers' questions on Jewish belief and practice will be answered in this column every week. They should be addressed to "Ask the Rabbi," Jewish Chronicle, 25 Finsbury Street, London, EC2A 1JT. Answers are intended for general guidance only.

THE AGE OF AQUARIUS III

The image-maker of Carnaby Street

GLORIA TESSLER

The Euston office where she is located her seemed hardly large enough to hold a copy of "19" magazine in a good advertising week, let alone swing a cat. Yet Susan Gilmore managed to pack it like a suitcase with a vivid mass of minks, minis, midis, trendy striped tops, hot pants and petalwork jackets. She emerged from behind the lot, draped in a alluring cobbly black shawl, looking like a dark-eyed, voluptuous milkmaid from Strawberry Fair.

"I brought them all with me today because I thought they'd make a good picture," said Susan, the publicist par excellence, who wouldn't miss a seven-second commercial in the interests of her clients. She works intensively on her fashion accounts, and alone. For her, the management problems of the notion came early. "I had a junior once. This moment he stopped in he wanted a rise." Now everything is done by telephone or messenger service.

Susan, 21, arrives in her office at 9 a.m.—"the best time because it's quiet then"—looks through the newspapers, rings up her press contacts, handles photographic

sessions and tears down Fleet Street like a programmed tornado in time for the lost editions. Her day ends around 7 p.m. and often later, if there are press shows to attend.

Fashion and art fascinated her at school, so when she was offered a job with a fashion PR firm of 15, she snapped it up. Later she promoted, of all things, family emblems at Derry and Toms after which, she decided, not unreasonably, that she could probably handle anything.

So the scenelist's daughter from Cheam won her independence at 10, working from home on her newly gained fashion accounts. Using a telephone answering service in the West End, she hawked the newspaper offices on behalf of her first account, a chain of men's and women's boutiques, but her real break came when she did a fashion tie-up with Paramount Films for the film, "Borsalino," featuring the clean-cut, pin-striped new/old male image.

A year ago she set up as a limited company and now she's well in business. Her clients include a fashion house, a firm which makes



Susan Gilmore

(Photo: OWEN THOMAS)

snazzy sweaters and another making denim handbags, jeans and cowbody shawls, such as the one she wears to such advantage in the photograph.

Today, she takes as fresh a delight in the press cuttings that line her minuscule walls, as she did when she was given her first account in Carnaby Street at the age of 16. "Every PR girl," she says, "is just a contact to someone on a newspaper. It's my job to make my clients famous, not to publicise myself. When I first started I used

to ask people for advice. But now I do everything on my own initiative. That's the way you have to be."

She shares a flat in Swles Cottage with three girls, all of them in advertising and newspapers. "It's like walking home into a business meeting." At the end of the year she hopes to go to America to promote British fashions—but prefers not to map out her future too rigidly. "I just want to make it one helluva success," she declares.

files on him are spattered with postscripts like "I asked him," "He isn't Jewish," or "I think he definitely is Jewish."

We had our suspicions—confirmed or otherwise. But this week Time Magazine revealed that the man whose speculative disappearance from the pop scene was likened by a fan to "Jesus Christ fading from the Church," has returned to his original name, Robert Allen Zimmerman. In short, he's turned to religion.

Neither his London agent nor the musical journals can offer any explanation, but friends confirm that for over a year Dylan has been reading up Judaism in depth, visiting Israel secretly, and even donning

ing money. He has even come out in favour of the controversial Jewish Defence League leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

The deep-eyed singer who worked a poetic isolationism into his music, who emphasised more that his protest songs did not praise the pop scene was likened by a fan to "Jesus Christ fading from the Church," has returned to his original name, Robert Allen Zimmerman. In short, he's turned to religion.

When known—perhaps Sadek Jewry will feel the pugnacity of his protest now.

DYLAN: The prodigal's return

A halo of mystery has always enhanced the sullen charisma of 30-year-old American singer, Bob Dylan, who likes to confound journalists at press conferences with answers like "I have marcurysque eyes," or "my toenails don't fit," or "I was born married 43 years ago."

Reporters complained that they could never interview him. The JC



HOME NEWS—continued

Childwall's spiritual need

From our Correspondent—Liverpool

At its annual meeting last week the members of the Liverpool Childwall Synagogue unanimously approved resolutions requesting the executive and council to make every effort to appoint a senior minister and a reader "as soon as possible."

Several speakers stressed the congregation's urgent need for spiritual leadership. "More than anything else," declared Mr. J. Winter, "we need a senior minister; otherwise, we shall die as a synagogue."

The discussion, and the resultant resolutions, formed the sequel to a members' meeting the previous week, specially called to consider a motion for the appointment of a senior minister of a candidate (the Rev Jaffery Cohen, of Manchester) recommended by the executive and council. Although carried by a simple majority the motion was lost as it failed to gain the requisite two-thirds vote in favour.

The main objections expressed were on the grounds that the candidate was a "cohan" (priest). On the previous Shabbat morning, the Rev Mynor Wolfson, assistant minister, and sole incumbent since the offices of reader and senior minister became vacant, had told the congregation he would

Shechita rav

The council of the Liverpool Childwall Synagogue last week confirmed the recommendation of its ecclesiastical committee that Rabbi M. Rogosnizky be appointed as rav to the Board of Shechita.

It is to be responsible for all forms of kosher supervision within the community under the authority of the board. Rabbi Rogosnizky is the principal of the Liverpool Yeshiva (Talmudical College). His father, is Rabbi E. Rogosnizky, communal rav of Cordill.

Leeds youth want land

From our Correspondent

The Leeds Youth Liaison Council is to use every effort to ensure that some form of youth facility is provided on the site in Alwoodley which has been given to the community by the Moor Allerton Golf Club.

Mr Jonathan Lipman, chairman of the Youth Council, told delegates at last week's meeting that his executive would explore several possibilities. There was the obvious problem of finance and for that reason they hoped the Leeds Jewish Institute would meet them to discuss the matter.

Several delegates questioned the need for a synagogue on the site, which they felt would be used for only three days of the year.

Mr Ian Lea pointed out that there was also the need for a Jewish school to provide education for the 13-plus age group.

Bazaar's £15,000

A record £15,000 was raised at the annual WJNF blue and white bazaar held in Leeds. More than 8,000 people visited the bazaar which was held in the town hall. The three-day event was declared open by a couple celebrating their golden wedding, Mr and Mrs S. J. Lewis.

Hove honours rabbi

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Erwin Solomon Rosenblum was presented with an illuminated address for his services to the Borough of Hove.

Speaking of the Hove town hall reception, the Mayor (Alderman Baron D. Saunders) and the town clerk (Mr John Stevens) both said that Rabbi Rosenblum had done much to cement the relationship between the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

Rabbi Rosenblum, of the Brighton & Hove New Synagogue, was joint chaplain, with Canon A. R. Blockledge, the Rural Dean of Hove, to the former Mayor, Councillor Norman Nathan Freedman.

A coffee morning held at the home of Mrs Sylvia Benn raised £20 for Brighton and Hove WZO.

Ireland

The Irish Friends of Magen David Adom has been formed in Dublin by a group of young people, with a committee headed by Dr. David Tomlin.

A record £1,000 was raised when the Dublin Hildan Zionat Group held their annual fashion show. A young German, Thomas Wolfangel,

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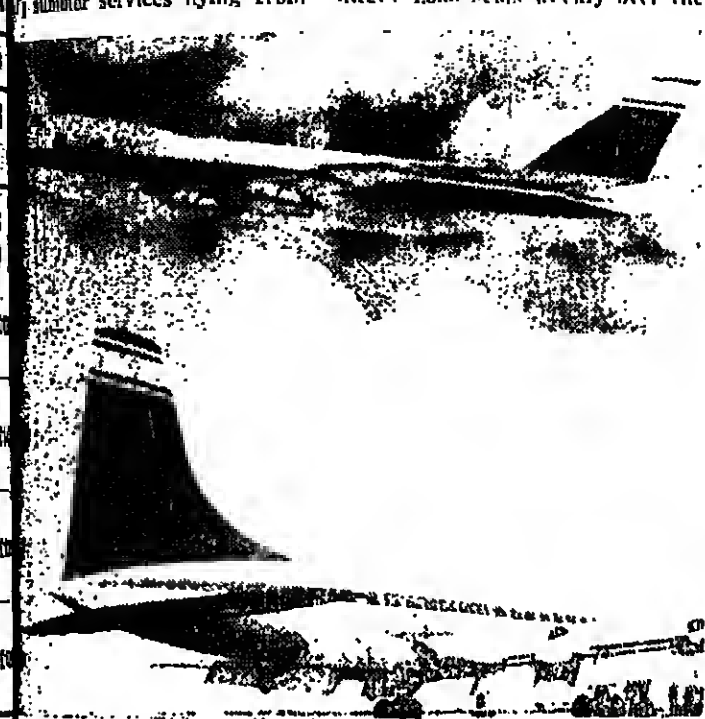
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There has been a big week for El Al, Israel's national airline. Last Jumbo jet touched down at Heathrow on Tuesday on its way to New York to carry 300 passengers. The aircraft will be the last of its kind to fly from London to New York.



The Jumbo Jet (top), El Al's latest acquisition, and the Britannia

to New York via London. The aircraft will be the last of its kind to fly from London to New York.

El Al, one of the world's leading carriers, has gone out of its way to make its Jumbo different. The theme of the interior is "cheerfulness and light." A bright atmosphere has been created by clever use of colour, and other interior sections are in various colours, and the main cabin, seating 302 tourists, is divided by galley and service areas.

Contrary to the pattern of other airlines, there is no first-class accommodation in the main cabin, which means there is no restriction on the movement of passengers on this deck. The first-class

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With these attractions El Al's Jumbo is bound to be a big hit with passengers. I found the first 747s, with all their teething troubles (and these have now been resolved), supremely comfortable and undoubtedly the best aircraft in which I have travelled. They are particularly suitable for those who don't expect to fly. It is difficult to tell when the aircraft has taken off and landed. And passengers will find that the massive 747 offers a smoother ride than other jets.

Entry to the Jumbo lounge is a costly business. Apart from capital expenditure on buying the aircraft El Al has had to install new maintenance depots and workshops. New buildings are under construction over a 100-acre complex of Lydda and the new 747 hangar there is the largest building of its kind in the Middle East.

Through the drive and vision of its management (today headed by Mordechai Ben-Ari), El Al has come a long way since it was founded in 1948 while war raged on the borders. It then had a handful of DC4 Skyliners and C-46 Curtiss Commandos. Its main task was to move immigrants from Europe and the Middle East to Israel. Its early days were difficult, and it was not until 1957 that

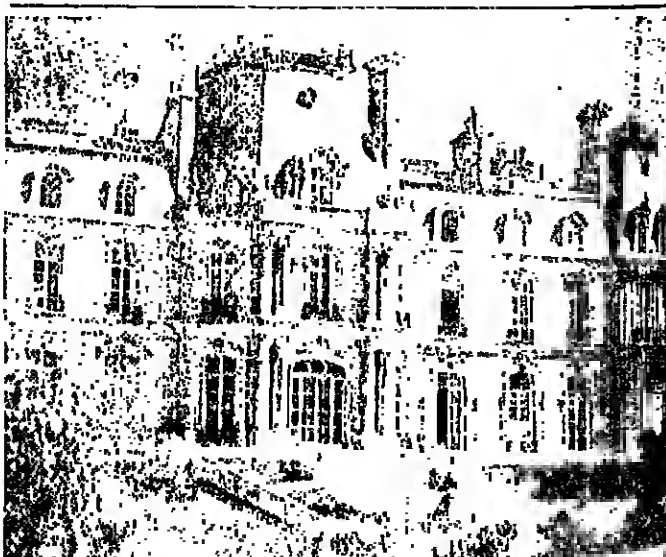


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Travel Supplement

woman's page

Do 'nursing wives' want to get together?

Wives whose husbands have been ill with heart and other troubles write with mixed feelings about Mrs Blanche Field's suggestion (this page May 14) that they should form a club to "let off steam." Here are a few extracts from the many letters received on the subject:

I passionately believe that this idea of a club for Nursing wives could do a great deal of harm and would be fostering a neurotic club.

I say to Mrs Field, if she is in a similar position to mine, identify yourself with a woman's group, not of people in the trouble to yourself but with other people who are leading normal lives. They may have a different kind of trouble and you may find your own to be not so bad by comparison. It is true that it is good to share your troubles with someone, but people in the same position as yourself are not going to give you any sympathy.

Name and address supplied.

Mrs Field describes very well the conditions under which women whose husbands have had coronary thrombosis live, but she omitted one extremely important factor... in many instances such women, in their own homes, have also to be the breadwinners. If some sort of club could be formed it would be a great help.

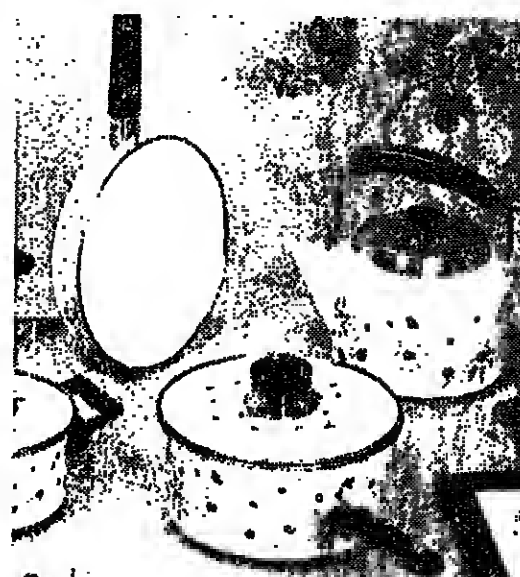
Perhaps Mrs Blanche Field could suggest how it could be

They eat

What moire girls like to eat cannot be of great interest now as everyone knows with envy that they do eat. Facts about their social judgements (nightclubs, composers, painters and authors) are also I think of minor significance.

However, the book to which fifty of the girls have contributed their favourite recipes and prejudices and also their pictures (though probably The Shrimp and Twiggy are the only familiar faces to anyone outside fashion circles) is worth mentioning if only for the fact that all royalties of the book "Not Just a Pretty Face," Corgi 50p, go to the Save the Children Fund. Many of the recipes, I must say, are unusual and interesting. S.L.

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Divide the sponge fingers into three groups. Dip the first group quickly in and out of the hot flavoured coffee, then lay on the bottom of the chosen tin. Spread with half the chestnut cream, repeat with the second portion of biscuits and cream, and finally lay the remaining soaked biscuits at the top. Roll cover and chill until required. The mixture will keep for a week at least, but should be chilled for a minimum of 12 hours. Run a knife round the tin to loosen the filling, then turn the cake out on to the chosen serving dish.

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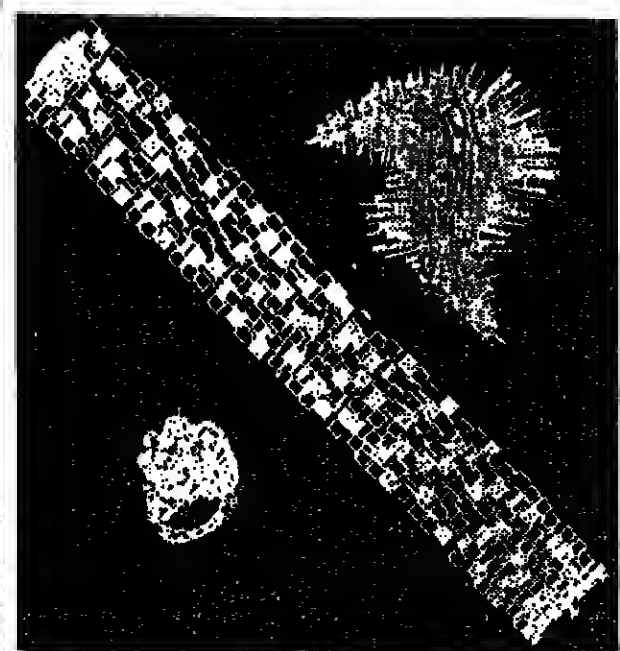
Ingredients: 8 oz. semi-sweet dessert chocolate, (Menter or Bourville); 2 tablespoons water; 3 tablespoons

caster sugar; 16 fl. oz. double cream; 36 crisp boudoir biscuits (about 24 packets); 5 fl. oz. hot water with 2 level teaspoons instant coffee; 2 oz. toasted, skinned and chopped hazelnuts (or walnuts or toasted almonds).

Method: The day before, put the chocolate, water and sugar in pan over low light. When smooth add 6 fl. oz. of cream and bring to the boil. Immediately remove from the heat and refrigerate. Next day, put chocolate mixture in bowl, add 1 tablespoon rum and beat or whisk until fluffy.

Make hot coffee. Divide biscuits into three lots of 12 each. Prepare a triple layer of foil about 12 inches long and 6 inches wide. Take the first group of biscuits, dip the unsugared side into the hot coffee, then lay, side by side, sugar side down, on the foil. Spread with half the chocolate cream. Repeat with the second layer, the remaining chocolate and finally the third layer of biscuits. Beat the 10 fl. oz. of cream until stiff, then pipe or swirl all over the cake. If to be used that day, refrigerate. If not, freeze, uncovered, until cream is solid, then foil wrap. Defrost for 3 hours at room temperature, then chill until required. Just before serving, decorate with chopped nuts. Serve in slices. Serves 12-14.

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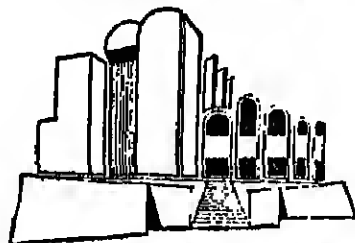
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